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VIA UPS

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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Re: Docket No. 03-00062: Application for Approval of the Indirect Transfer of Control of Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. to Ionex Telecommunications, Inc. – Completion of Transaction

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Ionex Telecommunications, Inc. ("Ionex"), by its attorneys, hereby informs the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") that, on March 19, 2003, Ionex and Birch Telecom, Inc. ("Birch") completed a transaction whereby Birch became a direct subsidiary of Ionex, and Ionex raised a substantial multimillion dollar investment for use by the merged companies. This parent-level transaction also effected an indirect transfer of control of Birch's wholly owned operating subsidiary, Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. ("Birch South"), which is authorized to provide telecommunications service within the State of Tennessee. The TRA approved this parent-level transaction on February 18, 2003, in the above-referenced proceeding.

As a result of the completed transaction, Birch and Ionex are financially stronger than ever, and look forward to continuing their efforts to bring affordable competitive telecommunications service to customers within the State of Tennessee. Moreover, because the transaction occurred solely at the parent company level, there is no resulting change to Birch South, and Birch South continues to provide the same telecommunications services to its customers within the State of Tennessee, pursuant to the same operating authority. This letter confirms that the contact for customer and TRA inquiries related to Birch South is:

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Enclosed please find thirteen (13) copies of this letter, a duplicate, and a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope. Please date-stamp the duplicate upon receipt and return it in the envelope provided. Please feel free to contact the undersigned counsel at (202) 887-1211 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

cc: Jeffrey A. Marks, Counsel for Birch Telecom, Inc.